



Wedne5da~ 22nd Ma~ 190 I

Today His Highness went to Jagnivas in the morning and returned to the palace only at about 6 in the evening. Though his beard has turned grey he regularly dyes it with Mehendi¹⁴⁶ leafs [*sic*] of which there are two sorts one red and [one] black. The application of these ~ternatively makes the hair of a putplish dark colour which lasts for a week or so.



Thur5da~ 2)rd Ma~ 190 I

This evening we went to one of the neighbouring hills to make a sketch of a background for Rana Pratap Singh's portrait.

In the afternoon a heavy dust-storm accompanied by a shower passed by. The air becomes suffocating after a dust-storm unless rain follows.

Frida~ 2+th Ma~ 1901

We had a third sitting from His Highness this morning and the sketch is ready. The likeness is very faithful. I think the order for the Maharani's life size portrait will be given us in a day or two, for he seemed pleased with the sketch though he did not express any opinion one way or the other.

5aturda~ 25th Ma~ 190 I

This morning Ms Fatehlalji¹⁴⁷ took with him all our sketches of local scenery in charcoal to be shown to His Highness. He did not return them till evening. [+++] There are plenty of scorpions in Udaipur and one must be careful if he wishes not to be stung. Those that I saw are of a white colour and are smaller in size than the black sort.

5unda~ 26th Ma~ 190 I

Just as I was leaving in the boat for sketching Ms Fatehlal arrived with two Bhils (aboriginal tribe inhabiting the Aravali and Vindhya mountains). They are the bandittes [bandits] ¹⁴⁸ of these places and in some of their traits and characteristics resemble the Maravars¹⁴⁹ of Southern India. I commenced a sketch of the town as seen from the opposite shore of the lake. The Maharana liked our sketches and studies and also his likeness.

Monda~ 27th Ma~ 190 I

Today we received a long letter from Mr E. Russel from Agra and as desired by him have written to the Dewan of Ratalam. Brother made a sketch of a Bhil woman¹⁵⁰ in the afternoon while I went to Khasodi to attend to my landscape. The view of the city from here is comprehensive and most charming. Venku is unwell and so has been Ayappan¹⁵¹ for two weeks. Heat extreme.

